issued to an applicant found qualified and a denial thereof is issued to an applicant found not qualified.

- (b) A temporary certificate issued under paragraph (a) of this section expires—
- (1) At the end of the expiration date stated thereon; or
- (2) Upon receipt by the applicant, of—
- (i) The certificate or rating sought; or
- (ii) Notice that the certificate or rating sought is denied.

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## §61.19 Duration of pilot and flight instructor certificates.

- (a) *General.* The holder of a certificate with an expiration date may not, after that date, exercise the privileges of that certificate.
- (b) Student pilot certificate. A student pilot certificate expires at the end of the 24th month after the month in which it is issued.
- (c) Other pilot certificates. Any pilot certificate (other than a student pilot certificate) issued under this part is issued without a specific expiration date. However, the holder of a pilot certificate issued on the basis of a foreign pilot license may exercise the privileges of that certificate only while the foreign pilot license on which that certificate is based is effective.
- (d) Flight instructor certificate. A flight instructor certificate—
- (1) Is effective only while the holder has a current pilot certificate and a medical certificate appropriate to the pilot privileges being exercised; and
- (2) Expires at the end of the 24th month after the month in which it was last issued or renewed.
- (e) Surrender, suspension, or revocation. Any pilot certificate or flight instructor certificate issued under this part ceases to be effective if it is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.
- (f) Return of certificate. The holder of any certificate issued under this part that is suspended or revoked shall, upon the Administrator's request, return it to the Administrator.

## §61.21 Duration of Category II and Category III pilot authorization (for other than part 121 and part 135 use).

A Category II pilot authorization and a Category III pilot authorization expire on the last day of the sixth month after the month last issued or renewed. Upon passing a practical test it is renewed for each type aircraft for which an authorization is held. However, an authorization for any particular type aircraft for which an authorization is held will not be renewed to extend beyond the end of the 12th month after the practical test was passed in that type aircraft. If the holder of the authorization passes the practical test for a renewal in the month before the authorization expires, he is considered to have passed it during the month the authorization expired.

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## §61.23 Duration of medical certificates.

- (a) A first-class medical certificate expires at the end of the last day of—
- (1) The sixth month after the month of the date of examination shown on the certificate, for operations requiring an airline transport pilot certificate;
- (2) The 12th month after the month of the date of examination shown on the certificate, for operations requiring only a commercial pilot certificate; and
- (3) The period specified in paragraph (c) of this section for operations requiring only a private, recreational, or student pilot certificate.
- (b) A second-class medical certificate expires at the end of the last day of—
- (1) The 12th month after the month of the date of examination shown on the certificate, for operations requiring a commercial pilot certificate or an air traffic control tower operator certificate; and
- (2) The period specified in paragraph (c) of this section for operations requiring only a private, recreational, or student pilot certificate.
- (c) A third-class medical certificate for operations requiring a private, recreationalostudenpilotertificate issued—